

# CITY Visions

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## Jazz-On-The-Green

**MARK YOUR** calendars and plan to attend! On Saturday, June 19th, at the Community and Cultural Center Amphitheater, the Britton Jazz Band will be previewing the program they will be playing this summer on their European tour.

The award winning band of 22 students from our own Britton Middle School will start their European tour on June 24th. They will perform 17 concerts in three countries over 21 days. Their schedule includes a performance before American troops stationed in Germany and a concert on July 12th in Morgan Hill's Italian Sister City, San Casciano.

The June 19th performance is sponsored by the Morgan Hill Sister City Committee. There is no charge for the show, although the Sister City Committee is seeking voluntary donations to help defray travel costs for the band. So bring your blankets and picnic dinners, and enjoy a wonderful evening on-the-green. The music starts at 6:30 pm.

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## Come to The Big Splash!

### AQUATICS CENTER OPENING JUNE 12TH

**THE NEW** Morgan Hill Aquatics Center will have its grand opening celebration on June 12 and 13.

Saturday, June 12th, the day will begin with an Open House from 9:00AM to 10:00AM, followed by a City Council-led tour, starting at 10:00AM. The ribbon cutting, which will open the Center to the public, will be at 11:00PM. There will be children's games and free hot dogs all day. Gates will close at 5:00PM.

Sunday, June 13th, the Center will open at 11:00AM. for public swim. There will be competitive swim demonstrations running throughout the day starting at 9:00AM that will include the Morgan Hill Swim Club and a water polo match and demonstration. Gates will close at 5:00PM. The Center will reopen from 6:00PM. to 9:00PM for a Teen Only Swim (12-18 years old).

*Register for swim lessons and the Cool Kids Summer Camp by calling 782-0008.*

### Youth+You: *Make The Connection*

**CREATIVE ACTIVITIES: YOUTH SPEND THREE OR MORE HOURS PER WEEK IN LESSONS OR PRACTICE IN MUSIC, THEATER, OR OTHER ARTS.**

SUMMER IS HERE AND THE TIME IS RIGHT FOR CREATIVITY. ONE OPTION FOR YOUTH IS TO ATTEND THE COOL KIDS SUMMER CAMP AT THE COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTER AND THE NEW AQUATICS CENTER. YOUTH WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY A WIDE ASSORTMENT OF CREATIVE ACTIVITIES ALL RUN BY THE COOLEST RECREATION LEADERS IN TOWN. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 782-0008.

**ASSET OF THE MONTH**  
[www.projectcornerstone.org](http://www.projectcornerstone.org)




## More Reasons to Eat and Shop Locally

**DID YOU** know that whenever you go out to eat, buy gasoline, purchase a car or any other taxable item in Morgan Hill, the City receives one cent of sales tax for every dollar you spend? These revenues go into the City's General Fund, which pays for vital services including Police and Fire. Shopping locally helps the City serve you.

With the opening of several new businesses in town, there are more reasons than ever for you to shop in Morgan Hill. In case you missed the openings, April was a "grand" month for Morgan Hill. **Home Depot** completed its remodel and opened in the old K-Mart building. The new **Harley-Davidson** dealership on Condit Road also opened in, although it waited until May 15 to celebrate its grand opening. **Cinelux Tennant Station Cinemas** completed their remodel and expansion to a state-of-the-art eight-screen movie theater. A new **Dollar Tree Store** opened in Morgan Hill Plaza, and the **Art Guild**, at 17265 Monterey Road, began providing a unique way to enjoy local artists and their works. **Johnson Lumber** should complete its remodel and expansion by the time you read this. In the near future, you will be able to shop at The **Ford Store** on Condit and the new **Safeway** with gas station in Tennant Station. Both are currently under construction.

While April saw a lot of "grand openings", it was not unique. If you like to eat out, February was a good month. That was the month that **Sinaloa** opened downtown and **Maurizio** opened his new restaurant on E. First Street. Other "new" Morgan Hill restaurants include **Panda Express**, **Santa Maria Restaurant**, **New York Style Pizza**, **The Happy Fisherman**, and a new **Subway** sandwich shop. **The Downtown Café** has replaced Quin's and expanded service hours to give us a needed breakfast choice – at least on Saturdays. **Jumpin' Juice and Java** will have a drive-thru at Fifth and Monterey. It is promising expanded hours in order to provide great desserts for those hungry patrons of the **Community Playhouse** across the street. **Ping's Mongolian Bar-B-Que** will soon fill TOGO's old space in Morgan Hill Plaza. And for you commuters, **Y'a Bon** is almost ready to open its second cafe at the City owned train depot. Whew!


And while you are out discovering these and other new businesses, shop or eat at some of Morgan Hill's older establishments as well. Shopping in town helps your local businessman and your City. So, as a resident consumer, you receive two benefits with each purchase made in Morgan Hill. 

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## Keep Your Home Safe During Summer Vacations

**NOW THAT** summer is here, many of us will be traveling on vacation for extended periods of time or simply on weekend trips. During the summer months it is more important than ever that we all take measures to lessen the chances of us becoming the victim of crime.

Prior to leaving for a vacation, be it short or long, take measures to prevent a thief from realizing a residence is vacant and subsequently stealing some of your belongings. The following is a list of some of the measures one can take to prevent a burglary:

- 1) Buy light timers and install them in several rooms. Set these timers to go off and on at different times of the day and night. This will give the illusion that people are in the residence.
- 2) Contact the Post Office and request your mail delivery be stopped while you are out of town, or have a trusted neighbor pick up your mail every day. Do the same with any newspaper delivery.
- 3) If your vacation is going to be for an extended period of time, have someone mow the lawn and trim the hedges. This will also give the illusion that the residents are home.
- 4) If possible, have a relative or friend live in your residence while you are out of town.
- 5) Install automatic outdoor lighting that turns on at dusk and off at dawn.
- 6) Take time to make sure all windows are locked. Sliding windows should have an extra lock installed. All entry doors should be equipped with a "dead bolt" lock.
- 7) A good burglar alarm system is an excellent deterrent. Make sure a sign that indicates the residence is alarmed is placed in an obvious location. 

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# WATER QUALITY

CITY OF MORGAN HILL • CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

## OUR GOAL: Meet or Exceed Federal and State Regulations

**T**HE CITY of Morgan Hill is committed to providing the community a safe, reliable supply of excellent quality drinking water that meets or exceeds Federal and State regulations.

This report gives information about the quality of water provided in 2003. It describes where your water comes from, what it contains and how it compares to State standards.

This report contains some limited information regarding testing for perchlorate levels in the city's water wells. More detailed information on perchlorate testing will be reported via press releases, on Morgan Hill's cable television bulletin board (Channel 17), and in regular updates to the several public agency websites (see box at right).

Although much of the information on technical matters is required by State law, we have also provided additional information that you should find useful. ♫

## WATER SYSTEM SECURITY

**W**HILE MORGAN HILL does not have open-air water facilities - and is therefore less vulnerable to certain threats - we have, nonetheless, taken steps to ensure additional security measures. These include enhanced security patrols and secondary remote alarm systems. ♫

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua para beber. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien. This report contains important information about your community's water quality. If necessary, please have it translated, or speak with a friend who understands it well.

## THE CITY'S PERCHLORATE CHALLENGE

**P**OTENTIAL PERCHLORATE contamination of drinking water supplies in the South Valley, including water supplied by the City of Morgan Hill, is an obvious concern of both the City government and all local residents and businesses. The City aggressively responded to the discovery of perchlorate in the South Valley aquifer by taking the following actions:

- Closing the Tennant Avenue Well that is near the Olin Corporation site until a perchlorate treatment system can be activated;
- Testing all City wells for the presence of perchlorate on a monthly basis;
- Turning off all wells that tested above the then existing State Action Level using the State's mandated testing protocol;
- Installing a perchlorate removal plant at the Nordstrom Well in order to ensure an adequate supply of quality drinking water;
- Cooperating with the Santa Clara Valley Water District, Regional Water Quality Control Board, and State Department of Health Services on approaches to addressing perchlorate; and
- Pursuing recovery of the City's costs associated with perchlorate contamination.

As this report is published, the State is working on establishing a maximum contaminant level (MCL) for perchlorate. Once the MCL is established, which is expected to occur sometime later in 2004, the City will have a firm regulatory standard to meet. In the meantime, the State's Action Level for perchlorate is now set at 6 parts per billion. For additional information on perchlorate including test results, regulatory reports, and the status of cleanup efforts, visit the "What's New" page on the City's web site at [www.morganhill.ca.gov](http://www.morganhill.ca.gov).

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#### PERCHLORATE SURCHARGE IMPOSED

All of the actions described above have added significantly to the City's costs of operating the water system. The City is expected to have spent \$1.4 million on perchlorate-related costs by the end of June 2004 and a total of \$3.2 million by June 2007. These significant costs have threatened the financial stability of the City's water fund. In order to address this potential shortfall, the City has adopted a series of 5% surcharges on water fees. The 5% surcharge is needed solely to pay for the City's perchlorate-related costs. Perchlorate surcharge revenues will be accounted for separately and spent only on perchlorate-related costs. The first 5% surcharge went into effect April 1, 2004 with additional 5% surcharges effective January 1, of 2005, 2006, and 2007.

The need for future surcharges will be evaluated annually. Any amount determined to be in excess of the amount needed shall be refunded to customers. In addition, any repayments the City receives from any source to compensate the City for perchlorate-related costs will be credited to the perchlorate account in the Water Fund and shall also be refunded to customers if the repayments are determined to be in excess of the City's perchlorate-related costs. 💧

## A WORD ABOUT CHEMICALS & ORGANISMS

**H**ERE'S A BRIEF description of chemicals and organisms, and how the City of Morgan Hill monitors, tests, and treats for them:

**Methyl Tertiary-Butyl Ether (MTBE):** Added to gasoline either seasonally or year round in many parts of the United States to increase octane levels and reduce carbon monoxide and ozone levels in the air. In California, it has been added to gasoline since January 1996. The City of Morgan Hill has tested quarterly for MTBE in its 13 wells. No MTBE has been detected.

**Lead and Copper Testing:** In 1991, the EPA adopted the Lead and Copper Rule which requires all cities, including Morgan Hill, to perform lead and copper testing. The City's public water system does not have detectable lev-

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## WATER SOURCES:

**M**ORGAN HILL is located in South Santa Clara County, situated between the Coyote and Llagas underground aquifers. These aquifers are the source of Morgan Hill's water supply.

The City currently operates 13 deep water wells located throughout the City. In 2003, these 13 wells supplied 2,518 million gallons of water for 10,841 homes and businesses in Morgan Hill. After the water comes out of these wells, it is treated with chlorine disinfectant to protect against microbial contaminants.

An assessment of the drinking water sources for the City of Morgan Hill was completed in September of 2002. The ground-water source is considered to be most vulnerable to the following activities associated with contaminants detected in ground water: animal feeding operations, and low density septic systems (occurrence of nitrate in groundwater.)

In addition, the source is considered most vulnerable to these activities, for which no associated contaminant has been detected: irrigated crops, grazing and animal operations and agricultural/irrigation wells, gas stations, dry cleaners, animal feeding operations, repair shops, sewer collection systems and pesticide/fertilizer/petroleum storage.

A copy of the complete assessment is available at the Department of Health Services, Drinking Water Field Operations Branch at 2151 Berkeley Way, Room 458, Berkeley, California and at the City of Morgan Hill Public Works Department at 100 Edes Ct. 💧

## WATER QUALITY DATA:

**T**HE TABLE (shown right) lists all the drinking water contaminants detected during the 2003 calendar year.

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the California Department of Health Services (DOHS) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Morgan Hill's water is treated in accordance with the Department's regulations.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. USEPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done over the period January 1 - December 31, 2003. The State allows the City to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Thus, some of the data - though representative of the water quality - is more than a year old. 💧



PARAMETER	DATE TESTED	UNITS	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	GROUNDWATER RANGE OF DETECTION			TYPICAL SOURCE OF CONTAMINANT	EXCEEDED MCL?
					LOW	HIGH	AVG.		
PRIMARY STANDARDS - MANDATATED HEALTH RELATED STANDARDS									
CLARITY									
TURBIDITY	2003	NTU	5	N/A	0.05	0.90	0.50	SOIL RUNOFF	NO
ORGANIC CHEMICALS									
TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES	QUARTERLY 2003	PPB	100	N/A	ND	7.4	1.1	BY-PRODUCT OF DRINKING WATER CHLORINATION	NO
INORGANIC CHEMICALS									
ASBESTOS	1995	MFL	7	(7)	ND	0.7	0.04	INTERNAL CORROSION OF ASBESTOS CEMENT WATER MAINS; EROSION OF NATURAL DEPOSITS	NO
BARIUM	2001	PPM	1	(2)	ND	0.15	0.05	DISCHARGES OF OIL DRILLING WASTES AND FROM METAL REFINERIES; EROSION OF NATURAL DEPOSITS	NO
CHROMIUM	2001	PPB	50	(100)	4	24	9.5	DISCHARGE FROM STEEL AND PULP MILLS AND CHROME PLATING; EROSION OF NATURAL DEPOSITS	NO
CADMIUM <sup>(1)</sup>	2001	PPB	5	0.07	ND	1	0.07	INTERNAL CORROSION OF GALVANIZED PIPES; EROSION OF NATURAL DEPOSITS; DISCHARGE FROM ELECTROPLATING AND INDUSTRIAL CHEMICAL FACTORIES, AND FROM METAL REFINERIES; RUNOFF FROM WASTE BATTERIES AND PAINTS	NO
NITRATE (AS NO3)	2003	MG/L	45	45	11	39	20.7	RUNOFF AND LEACHING FROM FERTILIZER USE; LEACHING FROM SEPTIC TANKS AND SEWAGE; EROSION OF NATURAL DEPOSITS	NO
RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINANTS									
GROSS ALPHA ACTIVITY	QUARTERLY 2001	PCi/L	15	N/A	ND	2.75	.34	EROSION OF NATURAL DEPOSITS	NO
SECONDARY STANDARDS - AESTHETIC STANDARDS									
CHLORIDE	2002	MG/L	500	N/A	32	79	54	RUNOFF/LEACHING FROM NATURAL DEPOSITS; SEAWATER INFLUENCES	NO
SULFATE	2002	MG/L	500	N/A	22	49	40	RUNOFF/LEACHING FROM NATURAL DEPOSITS; INDUSTRIAL WASTES	NO
TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS	2002	MG/L	1000	N/A	332	380	345	RUNOFF/LEACHING FROM NATURAL DEPOSITS	NO
IRON	2002	UG/L	300	N/A	ND	215 <sup>(2)</sup>	40	LEACHING FROM NATURAL DEPOSITS; INDUSTRIAL WASTES	NO
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE (E.C.)	2001	UMHO/CM	1,600	N/A	500	680	592	SUBSTANCES THAT FORM IONS WHEN IN WATER; SEAWATER INFLUENCES	NO
COLOR	2002	UNITS	15	N/A	ND	5	.77	NATURALLY - OCCURRING ORGANIC MATERIALS	NO
ODOR--THRESHOLD	2002	TON	3	N/A	1	1	1	NATURALLY - OCCURRING ORGANIC MATERIALS	NO
SODIUM	2002	PPM	NS	N/A	18	39	25	"SODIUM" REFERS TO THE SALT PRESENT IN THE WATER AND IS GENERALLY NATURALLY OCCURRING.	NS
LIST OF ADDITIONAL CONSTITUENTS ANALYZED									
PH	2002	UNIT	NS		7.4	7.9	7.6	RUNOFF/LEACHING FROM NATURAL DEPOSITS	NS
HARDNESS	2002	PPM	NS		223	302	253	RUNOFF/LEACHING FROM NATURAL DEPOSITS	NS
HARDNESS	2002	GRAINS/GAL	NS		13	18	15	RUNOFF/LEACHING FROM NATURAL DEPOSITS	NS

PARAMETER	DATE TESTED	UNITS	ACTION LEVEL	PHG (MCLG)	NUMBER OF SITES SAMPLED	HOUSEHOLD RESULTS 90 <sup>TH</sup> PERCENTILE	TYPICAL SOURCE OF CONTAMINANT	ACTION LEVEL EXCEEDED?
LEAD AND COPPER								
LEAD	6/03	PPB	15	2	32	12PPB	CORROSION OF HOUSEHOLD PLUMBING SYSTEMS	NO
COPPER	6/03	PPM	1.3	.17	32	.57PPM	CORROSION OF HOUSEHOLD PLUMBING SYSTEMS	NO

PARAMETER	DATE TESTED	UNITS	ACTION LEVEL	PHG (MCLG)	GROUNDWATER RANGE OF DETECTION			TYPICAL SOURCE OF CONTAMINATION	ACTION LEVEL EXCEEDED?
					LOW	HIGH	AVG.		
RADON QUARTERLY	2000	PCi/L	NS	NS	459	828	597	MANUFACTURING USE OF LUBRICATING OILS, FABRICS, DYES, RUBBER, PAINTS, FIREWORKS, AND CERTAIN FERTILIZERS	NS
PERCHLORATE <sup>(3)</sup>	2003	PPB	4	NS	ND	3.0	ND		NO
CHROMIUM VI	2002	PPB	NS	NS	ND	4.0	1.8		NS
VANADIUM	2003	PPB	50	NS	ND	6.0	1		NO
BORON	2003	PPB	1000	NS	ND	100	32		NO

<sup>(1)</sup>In August of 2001, one well had a test result over the PHG at 1ppb. Subsequent testing in April of 2004 was ND. The DLR for testing purposes is 1ppb. <sup>(2)</sup>San Pedro Well: Initial sample taken after well development was 310 ppb, which was above the MCL however; a confirming sample taken was 120 ppb for a sample average of 215 ppb, which is below the MCL. <sup>(3)</sup>The City of Morgan Hill tested all production wells on a monthly basis for Perchlorate in 2003, with a range of preliminary samples taken from 6 ppb to ND. Any well that exceeded the Action Level of 4 ppb on the preliminary sample was taken offline or modified, as in the case of Nordstrom Well, at which the City installed an Ion Exchange Treatment Plant to remove Perchlorate to below the Action Level. For more detailed information regarding tests and wells tested, please refer to the City of Morgan Hill website at [www.morgan-hill.ca.gov](http://www.morgan-hill.ca.gov).

## TERMS & ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THE DATA TABLES

**Public Health Goal (PHG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. PHGs are set by the California Environmental Protection Agency.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs are set by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency.

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCL's are set as close to PHG's or (MCLG's) as is economically and technologically feasible. Secondary MCL's are set to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water.

**Regulatory Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

**grains per gallon:** The measure of the concentration of a solution

**ton:** A measure of the odor associated with water

**umho/cm:** The measure of the dissolved inorganic salt content

**<** Less Than

**Detection Limits for Purposes of Reporting (DLR):** The analytical detection level of a contaminant at which the California Department of Health Services is confident about the quantification of the contaminant's presence in drinking water. Data are required to be submitted if detections are at or above the DLR.

**MFL:** Million Fibers per Liter; with a fiber length greater than 10 micrometers

**n/a:** not applicable

**nd:** not detectable at testing limit

**ug/L:** micrograms per liter

**mg/L:** milligrams per liter

**ntu:** Nephelometric Turbidity Unit

**ns:** no standard

**ppb:** parts per billion or micrograms per liter

**ppm:** parts per million or milligrams per liter

**pCi/l:** picocuries per liter (a measure of radiation)

**Contaminants that may be present in source water before we treat it:**

**Microbial contaminants,** such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

**Inorganic contaminants,** such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

**Pesticides and herbicides,** which may come from a variety of sources such as agricultural and residential uses.

**Radioactive contaminants,** which are naturally occurring.

**Organic chemical contaminants,** including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban runoff, and septic systems.

els of lead and copper; however, these metals may leach into the water from home plumbing.

In June of 1997 the City completed Lead and Copper testing from inside homes under the guidance of the Department of Health Services. Results showed that the Copper levels were below the Federal Action Level of 1300 parts per billion (ppb), and the Lead levels were below the Federal Action Level of 15 parts per billion (ppb).

The City is on a three year cycle for testing of Lead and Copper determined by the primary testing performed at the first inception of the Lead and Copper Rule. The City completed its tri-annual sampling in June of 2003.

**Nitrates:** Nitrates in drinking water at levels above 45 mg/l is a health risk for infants below the age of six months. High nitrate levels in drinking water can interfere with the capacity of the infant's blood to carry oxygen, resulting in serious illness. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blueness of the skin.

High nitrate levels may also affect the ability of the blood to carry oxygen in other individuals, such as pregnant women and those with certain specific enzyme deficiencies. Nitrate levels may rise quickly in short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask advice from your health care provider, or choose to use bottled water for mixing formula and juice for your baby. If you are pregnant, you should drink bottled water.

The City's water supply is below the MCL for nitrates. The City performs an average of 15 separate tests per week for nitrates alone to ensure a safe water supply.

**Unregulated Contaminants:** The City proactively monitors for unregulated contaminants. This helps the EPA and the California Department of Health Services determine where certain contaminants occur, and whether the contaminants need to be regulated.

**Radon:** The City tested its source waters for radon on a quarterly basis in 2000. Radon is a radioactive gas that you can't see, taste, or smell. It is found throughout the U.S. Radon can move up through ground and into a home through cracks and holes in the foundations. Radon can build up to high levels in all types of homes. Radon can also get into indoor air when released from tap water from showering, washing dishes, and other household activities.

Compared to Radon entering the home through the soil, radon entering the home through tap water will in most cases be a small source of radon in indoor air. Radon is a known human carcinogen. Breathing air containing radon can lead to lung cancer. Drinking water containing radon may also cause an increased risk of stomach cancer.

If you are concerned about radon in your home, test the air in your home. Testing is inexpensive and easy. Fix your home if the level of radon in your air is 4 picocuries per liter of air (pCi/L) or higher. There are simple ways to fix a radon problem that aren't too costly. For additional information, call your State radon program, or call EPA's Radon Hotline. 1-800-SOS-RADON).

## WATER SAMPLING AND TESTING:

**T**HE ANNUAL water sampling required by the State Department of Health Services consists of Bacteria (520 samples), Nitrate (780 samples), Turbidity (52 samples), and Trihalomethanes (32 samples) for a total of 1,384 samples from the 40 separate sample stations and source facilities located throughout the City's water distribution system. The City averages between 40 to 50 Bacteria samples a month. In November of 2003, one of the samples was found to be positive for coliform bacteria but confirming samples were negative.

Monthly bacteria samples are also taken at the 13 water wells from which the community gets its water supply.

## WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

**T**HE CITY'S water system consists of 13 production wells, 110 miles of water mains, 9 pumping stations, and 10 reservoirs. This complex, inter-related system requires 24-hour monitoring and an extensive program of ongoing maintenance. Additionally, a 5-year program of capital improvements must be constantly updated to plan and fund new capacity and the replacement of outdated infrastructure. Recent improvements to the City's water system include:

- Completed construction of Edmundson Reservoir and completed redesign of Boy's Ranch Reservoir
- Completed San Pedro Well and Main II Well pump Stations
- Completed installation of water main at E. Main and UPRR crossing
- Initiated installation of new SCADA system (this computerized monitoring of water reservoir levels and pumping equipment operations throughout the entire water supply system improves efficiency and reporting)
- Completed design for rehabilitation of Jackson Oaks Booster Station
- Completed preliminary design of 16" water main between Church St. and Del Monte Ave.
- Completed design and installation of water main feeding Jackson Oaks tank



## TEACHER HOUSING PROJECT ON THE WAY

**R**ecognizing the need for affordable housing, especially for teachers just starting their careers, the Redevelopment Agency and the City Council gave the go-ahead to the Watsonville Road Teacher Housing project. The project will be located at the north-west corner of Watsonville Road and Calle Sueno. The developer is South County Housing, a local nonprofit affordable housing developer.

The development will consist of 10, three and four bedroom, single family for-sale homes ranging in size from almost 1,400 to over 1,500 square feet. All of the units will be two-story, with a two-car garage, and small side or back yard areas. The project has been designed in the Mediterranean style with stucco exteriors and tile roofs - hence the new name, "Viale".

Total project cost is estimated at approximately \$4.2 million, which includes an \$875,000 contribution by the Morgan Hill Redevelopment Agency.

The project will be target marketed to teachers of the Morgan Hill Unified School District and Charter School of Morgan Hill. To qualify for a unit, teachers must be income eligible and be a first-time home buyer. Down-payment assistance will be available to prospective buyers.

Construction is expected to begin in October 2004, with project completion in August 2005. To place your name on an interest list or for more information, please contact Joyce Maskell in the Business Assistance and Housing Services Department at 776-7373 or [maskellj@morgan-hill.ca.gov](mailto:maskellj@morgan-hill.ca.gov).

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# MORGAN HILL COMMUNITY GUIDE

## CHANNEL 17 PROGRAMMING

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS		
REGULAR SESSION:	6/02	7PM LIVE
	6/03	NOON REPLAY
	6/05	8PM REPLAY
	6/06	NOON REPLAY
REGULAR SESSION:	6/16	7PM LIVE
	6/17	NOON REPLAY
	6/19	8PM REPLAY
	6/20	NOON REPLAY
REGULAR SESSION:	6/23	7PM LIVE
	6/24	NOON REPLAY
	6/26	8PM REPLAY
	6/27	NOON REPLAY
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS		
REGULAR SESSION:	6/08	7PM LIVE
	6/09	NOON REPLAY
	6/12	NOON REPLAY
	6/13	8PM REPLAY
REGULAR SESSION:	6/22	7PM LIVE
	6/23	NOON REPLAY
	6/26	NOON REPLAY
	6/27	8PM REPLAY
MAYOR'S STATE OF THE CITY SPEECH	11:00AM & 6:30PM DAILY	9PM MONDAY & FRIDAY
TIPS FOR CHOOSING A COLLEGE	10:00AM & 5:30PM DAILY	8:00PM FRIDAY
FUGITIVE WATCH	11:30AM & 7:00PM DAILY	
THE BAY AREA'S MOST WANTED	9:30PM FRIDAY	

## COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

### ROOFLESS CONCERT • JUNE 5TH • 2:30PM - 9PM

**Attention All Morgan Hill Teens:** Come to "Roofless" a band concert at the Morgan Hill Amphitheater on Saturday, June 5th, from 2:30 to 9 pm.

Come and enjoy a free outdoor band concert sponsored by the Morgan Hill Youth Advisory Committee at the Community and Cultural Center Amphitheater, 17000 Monterey Road. The eight great bands scheduled to play are: Plans for Revenge, Novice, Amity, Brea, Brookside, Slapdash Heroes, Rocky Dies Yellow, and The Philosophers. For more information please call 782-0008 or check the web site at [www.rooflessconcert.tk](http://www.rooflessconcert.tk)

### COMPOSTING WORKSHOP • JUNE 12TH

Attendees of Morgan Hill Home Composting workshops discover the benefits of gardening using their own compost. The next class is scheduled for Saturday, June 12, from 10PM-12PM at the YMCA. To register for this free workshop, call the Home Composting Education Program at 918-4640.

### FLAG DAY • JUNE 14TH

### FATHER'S DAY • JUNE 20TH

**Ooops, We Goofed!** Father's Day will be celebrated on June 20th this year. The Morgan Hill Community Calendar has it on the wrong day. We apologize for the inconvenience



FIRST DAY OF SUMMER  
JUNE 21ST



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